

Conference Call: Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan

Date: Thursday, January 7, 2016

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Call Agenda:

1. Roll Call and Introductions

- a. Welcome, everyone. This is Tressa Tillman from the EPA Region 6 Office of Environmental Justice, Tribal, and International Affairs, and this is the conference call on the Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan for Arkansas. I'm going to ask you to please stand by for a few minutes to allow everyone time to get dialed in, and we will begin shortly.
- b. Invite List (Roll Call)
- c. OEJTIA Staff (Introductions)

2. Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan

- a. Overview of draft Action Plan
 - i. Welcome again to everyone. Hope your holidays were happy and your new year is off to a good start. The purpose of today's call is to discuss the draft Arkansas Environmental Justice Collaborative Action Plan and to receive any feedback you may have.
 - ii. Please recall that the draft action plan is based on the discussions and recommendations from the EJ Training Workshop that was held in Little Rock in June of 2015.
 - iii. Following the workshop, a team of volunteers came together to review the workshop summaries and to begin developing the draft action plan, which is where we are today. The draft plan has been completed, and we are seeking your comments and inputs as we move toward finalizing the plan.
 - iv. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to review the plan narrative and chart that were sent out on December 10, 2015. The draft plan identifies focus areas and key activities for the next two years. At the end of the two-year period, we will review and revise the plan as necessary. At this time, I will ask for any questions or comments on the draft plan.
- b. Please email any comments to me by January 11, 2016. My email address is tillman.tressa@epa.gov.
- c. It is our goal to have the action plan finalized by Friday, January 29, 2016. Please note that the plan is a living document that will evolve over time as activities are completed. The plan will be refined every two years with community participation.

3. Other Items of Interest

- a. Quarterly EJ Update Call at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2016
- b. Oklahoma Environmental Justice Training Workshop, April 2016
- c. Environmental Justice Summit, August 2016
- d. Deadline to submit applications for EJ Collaborative Problem Solving funding is Friday, February 12, 2016

4. Next Call

- a. We want to continue having regular Arkansas EJ Update Calls. It's been awhile, but recall that OEJTIA conducted an EJ Conference Call in May 2015 with key EJ representatives from all five EPA Region 6 states. The purpose of that call was to introduce our new Director Arturo Blanco and to provide another mechanism to discuss how we can work together to address the environmental issues in the communities in Region 6. During that call, we committed to having a region wide EJ call on a quarterly basis. And, in addition to the quarterly calls, each state would have a regular EJ Update Call as well. Like the region wide call, the purpose of state call is to share information, build relationships, and work collaboratively.
- b. The frequency of the state calls is determined by you, the state EJ representatives. With that said, at what frequency do we want to conduct our Arkansas calls: monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly?

5. Adjourn

- a. Review and Wrap-Up
- b. Please feel free to contact me or Israel Anderson if you have questions or concerns at any time.
- c. Thanks to everyone for your participation on today's call.